

Appl. No. 09/837,004
Amdt. Dated July 15, 2004
Reply to Office Action of June 30, 2004

Attorney Docket No. 81846.0026
Customer No.: 26021

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 30, 2004, a complete listing of the claims, including inadvertently omitted claims 1-7 which were withdrawn in the Divisional Application dated April 17, 2001, is respectfully submitted. Claims 8-15 remain in this application. It is believed that no new matter is involved in the amendments or arguments presented herein. Reconsideration and entrance of the amendment in the application are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

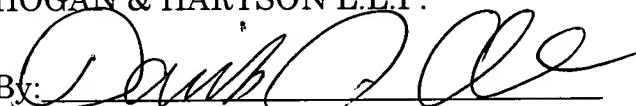
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6809 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,

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